



**OIL PRODUCTION UP:** Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabian oil minister, gestures Tuesday as he tells newsmen in Kuwait that Arab oil-producing states "have decided to increase production 10 per cent above the present level." He said Japan and other "friendly" countries, including France and Britain, would be provided with their oil needs. (AP Wirephoto)

## Arab Moves Cheer Japan And Britain

### But Easing Oil Embargo Won't End Crisis

**By Associated Press**  
Japanese and British officials thanked the Arab nations today for promising them more oil but warned that it would not end the energy crises in their countries. The Arab oil ministers announced Tuesday at the end of a two-day meeting in Kuwait that they would restore some of the cuts in production ordered after the Arab-Israeli war. The ministers said the 5 per cent cut planned for January would be canceled and instead production cutbacks now totaling slightly more than 25 per cent would be reduced to about 15 per cent. But they said their embargo on all shipments of Arab oil to the United States and the Netherlands would continue unchanged because of those

countries' continuing support of Israel.

In Washington, the White House said President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger discussed the Arab oil development during a phone conversation Tuesday. Neither Nixon nor Kissinger had any public comment about the development.

A spokesman for the oil ministers said in Kuwait, "The Arab states noted with satisfaction the new trend in the United States toward understanding the Arab case, and the tendency among a large number of congressmen and senators to understand the reality of the Arab problem and the Israeli aggression. But this trend is not enough for us to call off the embargo."

"Japan and other friendly countries including Britain and France will be provided with their needs," said Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Another spokesman also mentioned Belgium and indicated all countries except the United States and the Netherlands would benefit from the production increase. He added that the Arabs would consider the Americans friendly only when U. S. efforts produced an Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories captured in the 1967 war.

"It is a great pleasure for us that Arab countries have decided to treat Japan as a friendly nation," said Hirotaka Mitsuda, the chairman of the Japan Oil Federation, the minister of international trade and industry, Yasuhiro Nakasone, said despite the Arabs' action, the government would go ahead with a 20 per cent cutback in consumption of petroleum and electricity by major industries on Jan. 1 because of the reduction of oil shipments in December. But later in the day Nakasone's office said the cutback was postponed for 10 days while it studied the new situation.

The chairman of the Tokyo (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## State's Holiday Highways Safest In Five Years

Ten persons died on Michigan roadways over the four-day Christmas weekend, down from 26 deaths over last year's three-day holiday. It was the lowest toll since the one-day Christmas holiday of 1968.

Nationally, death on the highways also ran considerably short of advance predictions of the National Safety council. An

Associated Press survey showed 496 persons had lost their lives on the highways during the four days, well short of the 550 to 650 deaths forecast. The predicted figure had already been scaled down by 50 deaths to allow for the gas shortage.

Southwestern Michigan was free of fatal crashes through the holiday period. However, a

Hartford man, Dale Rice, 49, died Christmas Eve of injuries he received last Wednesday, Dec. 19, in a car-truck crash on US-131 in Allegan county. His death was not included in the holiday toll count.

A white Christmas disappeared in the area as rain amounting to nearly a half-inch, according to reports from several localities, first laid a coating of ice Monday morning then turned warmer and caused the snow blanket to dissolve over Christmas Eve and Day.

State police in Michigan acknowledged that traffic volume was down from past holidays and that drivers moved at slower speeds. However, a National Safety council spokesman said it would be several weeks before the council could attempt to pinpoint specific causes of the deaths during the holidays between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Tuesday.

"We wouldn't say it was the energy crisis only that would keep the number of deaths down," he said.

Nonetheless, the vast majority of the nation's gas stations were closed Sunday and Christmas Day, and a coast-to-coast sampling seemed to indicate that traffic was light.

In trying to gauge the flow of (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## 'Archie' To Sue Magazine Over 'Dingbat' Article

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Carroll O'Connor, who plays television's "Archie Bunker," has denied a monthly labor magazine's story that he called for the impeachment of President Nixon.

O'Connor told the editor of the Texas AFL-CIO Labor News the story was a "complete fabrication" and he would take legal action.

Fred Cervelli, editor of the Texas publication, said he took the article from the December issue of Iowa AFL-CIO Labor News.

Dick Greenwood, editor of the Iowa publication, said he wrote the story in Archie Bunker-style as a spoof. He said he entitled the piece "Listen, Dingbats."

The AFL-CIO has launched a campaign to impeach Nixon.

O'Connor, who plays the arch-conservative character on TV's "All In The Family," said he was a member of the union but did not endorse the impeachment.



CARROLL O'CONNOR  
He'll GO TO COURT

## Young Ted Describes Yule Gifts

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Edward M. Kennedy Jr., 12, whose right leg was amputated in an effort to arrest bone cancer, says his Christmas presents included a hockey game and an official Miami Dolphins football.

The son of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., arrived here Tuesday with his parents to spend a one-week vacation with his grandmother Rose Kennedy. Edward Jr., smiled and waved to crowds at Palm Beach International Airport and talked with newsmen about his gifts.

As he walked down the steps of the plane he occasionally stopped to hold his father's hand.

## Hurts Claim Hartford Man

KALAMAZOO — A 49-year-old Hartford man died in Bronson hospital here Christmas eve as a result of injuries received in an auto accident on US-131, north of Martin, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

According to state police at Wayland, Dale Rice, of 122 Paras Hill drive, Hartford, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday had been hospitalized since the accident.

Rice was injured when the car in which he was riding, driven by his son, Rick, 21, ran into the

back of a semi-truck, according to state police. The Rice auto was dragged about 180 feet

**33** Auto Deaths  
In Allegan County  
in 1973

down the road, following the collision.

Rick Rice, was hospitalized at Pipp Community hospital, Plainwell following the ac-



**DETECTIVE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT** The only Christmas gift the Thomas Schadler family wanted this year was to have their father home with them for Christmas—which he was. Schadler, a Benton Harbor police detective, was shot six times by gunman Thursday, and released from hospital Saturday. The wounded officer is recovering at home and reported in good spirits. With Schadler and wife,

Ruth, are children Bryan, 7; Sandra, 4; Jeff, 3; and Julie, 11. Basket of fruit was presented to Schadler by delegation from Benton Harbor city commission, who visited him Monday. Officials included Mayor Charles Joseph, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil May, Commissioners Bonita Branscomb and Dan Chapman. Det. Sgt. Alfred Edwards said search for assailant is continuing. (Staff photo)

## Reds Cheer Ill News

### Gleeful Over Shortages In Capitalist West

MOSCOW (AP) — As 1973 draws to a close, the Soviet news media are trumpeting successes of the Soviet Union and recounting the horrors of price hikes, strikes and fuel shortages in the capitalist West.

There is plenty of crisis news from the West and papers like Pravda, the voice of the Communist party, are giving it full play. A roundup from Western cities in today's Pravda was headlined: "Pre-New Year Alarms and Concerns."

The year 1973 was "marked by an intensification of the class struggle in the United States," Tass reported. The dispatch, printed in Pravda, said strikes were increasing in reply to "continued growth of prices, freezing of salaries and intensification of exploitation."

Juxtaposed with these reports in the papers are dispatches from around the Soviet Union on how the Georgian Republic has fulfilled the plan for animal products or that Belorussian industrial workers "fulfilled ahead of time the plan for a majority of important kinds of products."

There are no evident oil or fuel shortages in the Soviet Union. The implication for Soviet readers, still struggling under a shortage of consumer goods and services, is clear: the capitalist West is in trouble and the Soviet Union had a good 1973 and looks forward to a better 1974.

The Soviet Union did have a fairly good economic year in meeting drastically scaled down plan targets in which ordinary Russian consumers again were shortchanged.

Many Soviet difficulties are glossed over in year-end reports aimed at buoying Soviet workers to keep up their "shock efforts" in 1974.

The contrasting picture of the West was illustrated by a cartoon from the Sunday Times of London published in the weekly Literary Gazette. It showed a Christmas tree hung with signs saying, "No petrol, no trains, no money, no oil, no candles, no coal, No-el."

Pravda contributed cartoons showing a "Christmas goose — English style" shaped like the sign for the pound sterling and flying off the table where the family is gathered to eat.

Another cartoon shows a Santa Claus at the door handing a "you are fired" sign to a dismayed man.



**SNOW BUNNY:** Vice President Gerald Ford was covered with snow Monday after a couple of runs down one of Vail, Colorado's ski slopes. The Ford family is spending a two-week holiday vacation at this ski resort where he owns a condominium. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Ralphie Will Have To  
Watch His Little Ralphies

Washington is the only place coming to mind where a muggy climate does not exert an enervating effect upon its inhabitants. It sets everyone to jiggling.

The reason is that our national capitol is the biggest government business on earth and once anyone locates in or around the District of Columbia he seems to lose all sense of reality in trying to be in the action.

Last week Washington was the scene of a really weird goings on.

Ralph Nader & Company has injected itself as a friend of the court into a probe of influence trading between the dairy industry and the White House. The charge is hefty campaign contributions last year to the Nixon organization in exchange for favorable marketing legislation.

The Justice Department obtained some White House tapes on that interesting topic, via its subpoena powers, and, foolishly yet obligingly, handed some of them over to Nader's crew.

William Dobrovir, a Maryland licensed lawyer on Nader's staff, took off duplicates which he played at a cocktail party in a friend's house.

Dobrovir admitted no one present was feeling any pain.

His offer to liven up the gathering with some hot, inside tips put the evening way beyond the ordinary gin and canape bit.

The White House naturally cried foul

upon learning of the high jinks and succeeded in hauling Dobrovir before the judge presiding over the investigation.

The Maryland barrister, considerably more subdued than on the evening in question, said the record playing only last four or five minutes and was virtually inaudible due to poor duplicating effort.

He apologized to all concerned for the prank.

The judge accepted this contrition and as this is written, seemingly that's the end of the fun and games.

Many a lawyer has been but out of business for pulling stunts less harmful than that.

The Maryland Bar Association or some other agency in command of the situation should institute disbarment proceedings against Debrovir.

An attorney who plays fast and loose with evidence which belongs in court and nowhere else breaches his obligation as an officer of the court.

A judge who swallow the plea of immaturity entered by Dobrovir should get off the bench or be removed from it.

The Justice Department legal eagles who handed out the tapes to Nader, at the very least, should be urged to seek other employment.

Come, Ralphie, let's have your view on how to improve the Washington image.

Good News And Bad News  
On The Gasoline Front

Speaking of the fuel situation — and one or two people are these days — there's good news and bad news on the gasoline front.

The good news is the belated discovery that most of the nation's gasoline pumps only register as high as 49.9 cents a gallon.

The bad news is that this doesn't mean that gasoline prices are going to stop there.

Thanks (thanks?) to the brainstorm, of a fellow with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, there's a way to get around the problem without replacing pumps or their innards, which would be a massive undertaking.

The idea, which the National Bureau of Standards recommends all states adopt if and when it becomes necessary, involves changing the price dial to indicate the cost of a half-gallon rather than a gallon.

If the price went up to, say, 54 cents a gallon, the dial would be set at 27 cents a half gallon. The station operator and the motorist would then multiply the indicated price by two.

This suggests that not only is the price of gasoline going to go up but that the old custom, which was always a little silly, of selling gas at so many cents plus nine-tenths is going to go the way of free dishes with a fillup.

Since pumps can't show hundredths of a cent, they would be unable to measure half of, say, 54.9 cents. They could, however, measure half of, say, 55 cents. In that case, the pump would indicate 27.5.

What happens when gasoline goes over 98 cents a gallon is another problem entirely.

When In Boston, Smoke;  
Drink Coffee In Oakland

Investigators in Boston recently found that people who drink six or more cups of coffee a day are more prone to heart attacks than people who don't drink coffee. Smoking was ruled out as influential.

Now another study has contradicted the Boston findings, reports Science Service.

No association between heavy coffee drinking and heart attacks could be found among 464 members of a health plan in Oakland, Calif., though some 20 per cent of them were heavy coffee drinkers. On the other hand, almost half the persons who had heart attacks were heavy smokers.

Moral: When in Oakland, imbibe caffeine but eschew nicotine; whilst in Boston, turn down the cup as you light up and puff.

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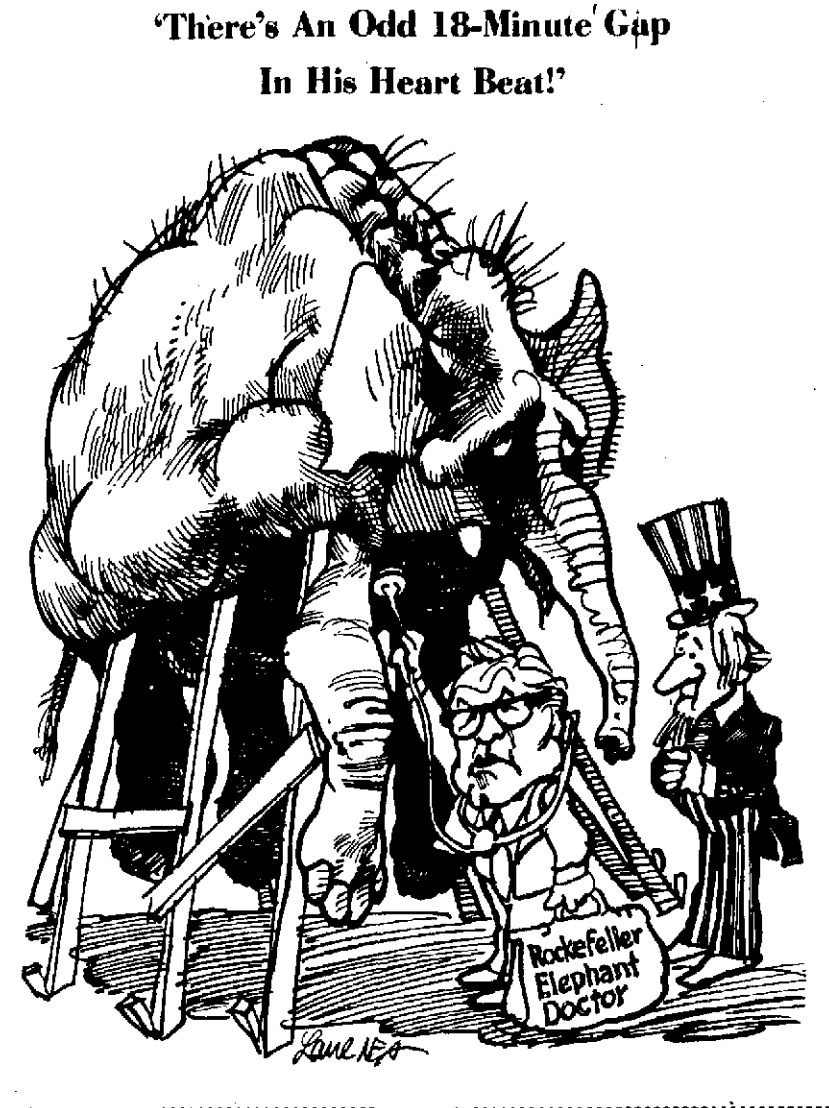
Hyperbole can be a fatal exercise in the profession of politics. The higher the office the more likely it is an unwise prediction or boast will return to haunt the man who made it. Nearly every President, with the possible exception of silent Calvin Coolidge, delivered public promises his opponents later made him regret.

Some of the more famous ones were Herbert Hoover's prediction that "prosperity was just around the corner," in 1931, and Franklin Roosevelt's promise that American boys "were not going to fight on foreign soil," in 1940.

Each President up to the present has been encumbered, sometimes seriously hampered, by public pronouncements. The Presidential word is a weighty one, listened to and remembered at home and abroad.

Some blame the office itself for the credibility gap which seems to be one of its fixtures. The responsibilities and power of the presidency are awesome, too great, perhaps, for a free society to accept.

The injudicious remark does not make it any easier.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

WHITE CHRISTMAS ARRIVES LATE  
— 1 Year Ago —  
That much dreamed of White Christmas turned into a morning-after nightmare for motorists today as an inch or more of predawn snow blanketed most of the state. The snowfall departed from southeastern Lower Michigan early this morning, but a new front kept the flakes falling in much of the rest of the state.

Freeways throughout the state were slushy or snow covered, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan. Another wave of snow was predicted for Wednesday.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

COLD WATER VS. HOT WATER

Editor,

I read Mr. Earnest A. Winter's letter in paper of December 10th, that hot water is keeping Lake Michigan from freezing over in the winter. I wonder if he doesn't know that the hot water will freeze over long before cold water will. If he or anyone else doesn't believe this is true, let them sit a quart of good and hot water in at the same time of cold water outdoors, on a good cold night, say, when it is near zero, a quart of both, hot or cold, and see which freezes over first.

I've proven it for myself. So try it and see if I'm right or wrong. This hot water is next to the shore and the cold is out in the center unfrozen.

Sam Sipes  
P.O. Box 187  
Benton Harbor.

BERRIEN GOP SUPPORTS PRESIDENT

In response to Evelyn Wirth's letter of December 21st:

Dear Evelyn:

Thank you for your letter asking support of President Richard Nixon. In your letter you asked the question, "Why hasn't the Berrien County Republican Club come out in support of Nixon?" You will be happy to learn, a resolution of support was sent to President Nixon — some weeks ago — from the Berrien County Republican Executive Committee. This was followed by resolutions of support from both the Berrien County Republican "County Committee" and the Berrien County Federation of

Bruce Blossat

Watergate Effect  
Still In Question

WASHINGTON (NEA) — A frequent inquiry made of those who cover politics is whether Watergate and all its works will produce real reforms and improve American political life. There is no way to give an early answer.

Certainly Watergate, with its disclosure of the great sums of money involved in campaigning, ought to stir development of fresh reforms in the financing field. Yet it is not at all clear that, given the high cost of television and the heavy focus on that medium in elections, we are getting at root causes. Public financing is touted by many, but that could be a hidden mine-field of problems not even foreseen today. The commonwealth of Puerto Rico has used government campaign financing for years, only to discover lately that television costs are straining the system dangerously.

Here, the Democratic party, building on its sweeping reforms of 1972, is moving toward still more steps to widen citizen participation in party candidate selection. Republicans are making more modest efforts in the same direction.

One would imagine, scanning the roster of seamy personalities turned up by Watergate, that the candidate choosers in both parties would be hard bent to seek out potential public servants of far higher quality and integrity in the time ahead. Still, we'd better not assume too much too soon.

We won't really have any effective gauge on the consequences of Watergate for the U.S. political system until we see what kinds of party nominees are chosen and who gets elected in 1974, when much of congress and many governorships are on the block.

As I have often said to questioners, we may find that voters, in their understandable quest for integrity in public office, are

electing many people whose competence is dubious at best, and competence already is in short supply.

There has been endless prediction that next year the American voters, in their revulsion against government as they know it, may cast incumbents out of office wholesale. Democrats worry over this as much as Republicans.

It is a bit too easy, even smug, to speak of the good in reform moves, in more open financial disclosure, in the increased unveiling of corruption, in wider citizen participation in the increased unveiling of corruption, in wider citizen participation in the choosing processes.

That's all healthy, certainly. But the goal of a free system of government is not the election of a great assortment of honest nincompoops.

It is embarrassingly true to say we need men not just of general quality but of high leadership capacity. Washington is not quite the morass of mediocrity I hear many earnest visitors pronounce it to be. Yet it does indeed seem a place of faceless men who are nearly congealed in caution. If leadership potential exists, it surely is lost from our sight.

Two grave questions arise. We hear again and again that Americans want to be led well. The case for that is not proved. We live in an age that batters heroes to a pulp, that exalts a definition of freedom which encourages people with special selfish concerns to attack the common goals a real leader must struggle for. The deeper dilemma may be whether this society of 1973, with its smothering numbers and chaotic complexities, is in fact capable of producing men with the extraordinary human qualities of command that are required to direct a terribly confused America on a wide and useful common course.

Marianne Means

Is The Pressure  
Getting To Nixon

WASHINGTON (KFS) — White House aides have begun to express privately a growing concern about President Nixon's physical health.

They are worried that his strength has been sapped by the relentless psychological strain he has endured the past six months.

The President's physician, Dr. Walter Tkach, has insisted since the Watergate ordeal began that the President is in superb condition for a man of 60 years. But Dr. Tkach is a politically minded fellow who is loyal to his employer. So were his predecessors in that job; one covered up the fact that John Kennedy was in severe back pain during his Vienna summit with Nikita Khrushchev and another consistently minimized Lyndon Johnson's recurring respiratory difficulties.

Most of Nixon's advisers see him infrequently and then usually in highly structured groups in which his participation requires minimal effort. The press seldom sees him, and then mostly at considerable distance and under controlled circumstances.

The tiny handful of White House intimates who see the President regularly and informally are secretive and protective of him. Thus it is difficult to assess reliably what toll the Watergate pressure may have taken upon the President spiritually, intellectually, or physically.

But those aides who see him occasionally claim to see several clues that all may not be well with Nixon.

No one outside his intimate circle has seen him in several months without heavy makeup on his face. He has always worn makeup to hide his heavy beard stubble during public appearances at which he expected to be televised. But lately he has appeared with makeup at various White House conferences and ceremonial functions which included only one brief session for still photographers, and at which those photographers were usually kept at a distance. At least one adviser recalls a meeting at which no photographs were allowed, yet the President wore makeup.

Aides also claim the President appears somehow older. His brows seem more scraggly; his forehead more wrinkled; his head sunken between stooped shoulders.

And a faint quaver shows up occasionally in his voice, due to tiredness or tension. This quaver was evident during his recent formal introduction of new energy chief William Simon, although it was the sort of simple ceremonial function he has performed hundreds of times.

Administration officials also note that the President's isolation, which always rivaled that of the Dalai Lama, is increasing.

BERRY'S WORLD

Old Woman,  
Blind Girl  
Attacked

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — A purse snatcher assaulted a 25-year-old blind girl and a 75-year-old heart patient who had left her home for the first time in more than a year, police say.

Police said Rae Moore of Hollywood was walking near Sunset Blvd. Christmas Eve when two young men knocked her down, breaking her shoulder. They then stole her purse containing \$1. She was treated at a hospital and released.

Officers said Mrs. Moore had been under a doctor's care for heart trouble and was on her first trip outside her house in more than a year.

A short time later, Juanita Francis, who is blind, struck an attacker with her cane and managed to keep her purse as she fell to the ground. The man fled and dropped the purse taken from Mrs. Moore. Miss Francis was not injured.

"Of course I like bow ties, dear, but..."





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## Quiet Christmas For Most Folks In Twin Cities

### Gasoline Thieves Drain Tanks Of Several Vehicles

Christmas brought peace to the Twin Cities with no violent crimes reported to area police Monday or Tuesday.

Thieves were at work, however, with gasoline station closings and a need for transportation apparently figuring in two larceny reports.

Clem Doss, owner of Clem's Body shop, 1414 Territorial road, reported to Benton township police Tuesday that a 1969 Mustang was stolen from his shop.

Doss said the car did not have any gasoline in the tank and police believe the thief drained gas from two other cars at the shop and another car at the nearby Lee's D and C Auto Sales, 1412 Territorial road.

In another gasoline theft, a Benton Harbor man told city

police gasoline was siphoned from his car after he filled the tank Monday. Floyd Partee, 626 Highland avenue, said it was the second time gasoline had been stolen from his car.

Berrien sheriff's officers reported five tires valued at \$1,195 and a 300-foot cooper cable were stolen from Martin Marietta Aggregates, Red Arrow highway, Bridgman. The company is a sand mining firm with heavy equipment.

Thefts reported to Benton Harbor police were:

Christmas gifts valued at \$75 from the home of George Gruss, 1119 Broadway; household items valued at \$345 from the home of Bryant, 555 Baird street; tools, a tape player and tapes valued at \$503 from a car owned by Henry Lee Lowery, 514 May street, while parked behind his house.

Benton township police said furniture valued at \$510 was taken from displays at Mobilite Homes, 2020 M-139 south.

James Warskow told St. Joseph township police that his \$69 watch was stolen while he was working at the Gulf station, Washington avenue. The watch had been attached to the cash register.

St. Joseph police said Gilbert

LaBair reported a toolbox and contents, valued at \$200, were stolen from his boat at West Basin Marina, 273 Prospect street.



**TO BORGESS:** Miss Colleen R. Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Gillespie, 2230 Mt. Curve, St. Joseph, received a bachelor of science degree in medical social services from Western Michigan university during commencement ceremonies Dec. 19 in Kalamazoo. She has accepted employment at Borgess hospital, Kalamazoo. Miss Gillespie is a 1970 graduate of St. Joseph high school.

### Fort Wayne Driver Is Injured

A Fort Wayne, Ind., woman driver was treated and released from Mercy hospital after she sustained injuries in a two car collision Monday at 8:30 p.m. at the intersection of Martin Luther King drive and Britain avenue, Benton township police reported.

According to police the accident occurred when a car driven by John Allen Beechem, 53, of 516 Empire avenue, Benton Harbor, slid through a stop sign into a car on Britain avenue and into a car driven by Linda Lee Carlson, 27, Fort Wayne.

No ticket was issued because the back wheels on Beechem's car apparently locked preventing him from stopping in time, police said.

## S.W. Michigan Scouters Will Hear Conyers

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Detroit Democrat, will be principal speaker Jan. 9 at the third annual recognition dinner of the outreach committee of the Southwest Michigan Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The dinner at 6:45 p.m. in Western Michigan University student center honor outreach leaders who have brought scouting to boys in inner city areas of the council. In the Benton Harbor area 300 boys are in 14 troops with 70 outreach leaders.

Conyers, a member of the liberal wing of the Democratic party, has twice unsuccessfully challenged Carl Albert for speaker of the House. But Conyers is a big winner in his home district, piling up 88 per cent of the vote in 1972.

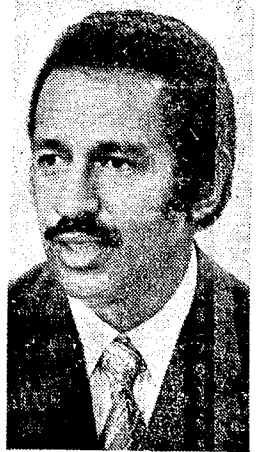
Among bills which Conyers is pushing are a Full Opportunity act to provide \$30 billion annually to aid low income Americans; an Adequate Income act guaranteeing a minimum of \$6,500 a year to a family of four; and a bill to make Jan. 15, Martin Luther King's birthday, a national holiday.

Conyers has served on investigative committees of civil

rights violations in the south, federal prisons, and religious and political freedoms in Vietnam.

He is a member of the House now considering if impeachments proceedings should be started against President Nixon.

A native of Detroit, Conyers served in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. He is a graduate of Wilberforce University law school.



**JOHN CONYERS, JR.**  
Scout Dinner Speaker

### Nixon Eyes Boycott Moves

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon is considering possible future moves as a result of the Arabs' continued embargo on shipments of oil to the United States.

Nixon interrupted his family's Christmas celebration Tuesday to hold a 30-minute telephone conversation with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on the Mideast situation.

They reviewed the Arab decision and its impact on the U.S. Middle East policy and the energy crisis. Deputy White House Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said.

### High Tides Predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Astronomical conditions will cause abnormally high tides on two dates in early 1974, and serious flooding could strike the U.S. East Coast should severe Atlantic storms occur, weather forecasters say.

On Jan. 8 and Feb. 7, the forecasters said Tuesday, the moon will be in its fullest phase, thus causing high tides. It also will be unusually close to the mid Atlantic coast.

In addition the moon and sun, whose gravitational pull influences the tides, will be in a relatively rare conjunction with the earth also will be near its closest annual approach to the sun.





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Christmas gifts valued at \$75 from the home of George Gruss, 1119 Broadway; household items valued at \$345 from the home of Bryant, 555 Baird street; tools, a tape player and tapes valued at \$303 from a car owned by Henry Lee Lowery, 514 May street, while parked behind his house.

Benton township police said furniture valued at \$510 was taken from displays at Mobilite Homes, 2020 M-139 south.

James Warskow told St. Joseph township police that his \$69 watch was stolen while he was working at the Gulf station, Washington avenue. The watch had been attached to the cash register.

St. Joseph police said Gilbert

LaBair reported a toolbox and contents, valued at \$200, were stolen from his boat at West Basin Marina, 273 Prospect street.



**TO BORGESS:** Miss Colleen R. Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Gillespie, 2230 Mt. Curve, St. Joseph, received a bachelor of science degree in medical social services from Western Michigan university during commencement ceremonies Dec. 19 in Kalamazoo. She has accepted employment at Borgess hospital, Kalamazoo. Miss Gillespie is a 1970 graduate of St. Joseph high school.

### Fort Wayne Driver Is Injured

A Fort Wayne, Ind., woman driver was treated and released from Mercy hospital after she sustained injuries in a two car collision Monday at 8:30 p.m. at the intersection of Martin Luther King drive and Britain avenue, Benton township police reported.

According to police the accident occurred when a car driven by John Allen Beechem, 53, of 516 Empire avenue, Benton Harbor, slid through a stop sign into a car on Britain avenue and into a car driven by Linda Lee Carlson, 27, Fort Wayne.

No ticket was issued because the back wheels on Beechem's car apparently locked preventing him from stopping in time, police said.

## S.W. Michigan Scouters Will Hear Conyers

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Detroit Democrat, will be principal speaker Jan. 9 at the third annual recognition dinner of the outreach committee of the Southwest Michigan Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The dinner at 6:45 p.m. in Western Michigan University student center honor outreach leaders who have brought scouting to boys in inner city areas of the council. In the Benton Harbor area 300 boys are in 14 troops with 70 outreach leaders.

Conyers, a member of the liberal wing of the Democratic party, has twice unsuccessfully challenged Carl Albert for speaker of the House. But Conyers is a big winner in his home district, piling up 88 per cent of the vote in 1972.

Among bills which Conyers is pushing are a Full Opportunity act to provide \$30 billion annually to aid low income Americans; an Adequate Income act guaranteeing a minimum of \$6,500 a year to a family of four; and a bill to make Jan. 15, Martin Luther King's birthday, a national holiday.

Conyers has served on investigative committees of civil

rights violations in the south, federal prisons, and religious and political freedoms in Vietnam.

He is a member of the House now considering if impeachments proceedings should be started against President Nixon.

A native of Detroit, Conyers served in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. He is a graduate of Wilberforce University law school.



**JOHN CONYERS, JR.**  
Scout Dinner Speaker

### Nixon Eyes Boycott Moves

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon is considering possible future moves as a result of the Arabs' continued embargo on shipments of oil to the United States.

Nixon interrupted his family's Christmas celebration Tuesday to hold a 30-minute telephone conversation with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on the Mideast situation.

They reviewed the Arab decision and its impact on the U.S. Middle East policy and the energy crisis, Deputy White House Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said.

### High Tides Predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Astronomical conditions will cause abnormally high tides on two dates in early 1974, and serious flooding could strike the U.S. East Coast should severe Atlantic storms occur, weather forecasters say.

On Jan. 8 and Feb. 7, the forecasters said Tuesday, the moon will be in its fullest phase, thus causing high tides. It also will be unusually close to the mid Atlantic coast.

In addition, the moon and sun, whose gravitational pull also influences the tides, will be in a relatively rare alignment and the earth also will be near its closest annual approach to the sun.



## Auto Industry Strong Despite Slip In Sales

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DETROIT (AP) — The U.S. auto industry built and sold a record-breaking number of cars in 1973, but saw a rough road ahead for 1974.

The energy crisis loomed as the biggest problem for the U.S. car makers, as well as for imported cars. It was reflected mainly in an increasing trend towards smaller cars, while demand for standard sized cars dropped considerably.

An easing in demand for new cars became evident right after the 1974 models were introduced, at a time when motorists were expressing increasing concern about gasoline shortages.

Sales figures showed some weakness in the final weeks of 1973. But indications were that new car sales—including imports—would wind up at about 11.5 million units, about five per cent ahead of the old record of 10.94 million set in 1972.

Looking ahead to the coming year, Richard C. Gerstenberg, chairman of General Motors, pointed out that when GM came up with its first predictions in September, it foresaw a drop of about

six per cent in auto sales in '74.

Gerstenberg revised his estimates on Dec. 6, this time seeing a possible drop of between 8 and 12 per cent, with car sales falling to between 10 million and 10.5 million units—including imports.

At about the same time, GM and other automakers—foreign and domestic—were announcing a variety of production cutbacks in face of the slackening demand.

Domestic automakers were pleased on one hand with a record-breaking 1973 production of about 9.3 million new cars, topping the old high of 8.8 million set a year ago.

But there also was some hasty reassessment of future demand and a reshuffling of production schedules for the first quarter of 1974 to get production in line with customer demand.

GM led off the cutback parade as it closed 15 of its U.S. assembly plants for the week of Dec. 17, thus taking 79,000 cars out of its production schedules. Chrysler and Ford also came up with production trims.

One industry observer forecast the cutbacks would carry through the first quarter of 1974 with the industry turning out

between 2.2 and 2.4 million cars, compared with 2.7 in the opening three months a year ago.

Auto executives were quick to point out that even though the late 1973-early 1974 sales picture showed some weak spots, it still ranked as one of the strongest in industry history.

One unexpected factor was continuing strong demand in most segments of the top of the market—Cadillac, Continental and Mark IV, all of which ran ahead of their 1973 model sales pace. The Chrysler Imperial, the other entry in the big, big car field, ran behind 1973 model totals, but Chrysler officials said the sales weakness was only temporary.

Imported cars also had sales problems late in 1973, although it appeared their total would wind up at a record 1.7 million—about 300,000 units ahead of last year. The imports faced an increasing list of problems, including devaluation of the dollar, the necessity of meeting tough U.S. safety standards and labor and materials problems.

The VW Beetle, for example, which had long undersold American small cars, began the 1974 model year with higher price

tags than its American competition. The Beetle had a \$2,825 base price but by contrast, Gremlin was \$2,159; Vega \$2,237 and Pinto \$2,292, as of November, 1973.

American car makers had a months-long tussle with the Cost of Living Council trying to get price hikes okayed.

Ford asked the council for an increase averaging \$118 per vehicle, while AMC sought \$114, GM \$200—and Chrysler \$136. GM told the council it would put only \$150 of the increase into effect.

The council on Dec. 10 came up with a surprise ruling, exempting the auto industry from wage and price controls. Detroit sources immediately took this to mean the government had approved the new three-year contracts just worked out with GM, Ford, Chrysler and the United Auto Workers.

The council's ruling said in effect that GM and Ford could raise their prices in the \$150 area, while AMC could up them \$100. Chrysler Corp. rejected the proposal, but council Chairman John Dunlop said he was confident that the workings of the marketplace would mean that Chrysler would settle for price increases comparable to those of the other three auto firms.



**ANNIVERSARY WATCHES:** This newspaper's chief photographer, Charles Zindler, sparked laughter from veteran co-workers as he snapped this picture. W. J. Banyon (left), president of Palladium Publishing Co., hands 25-year watches to Robert Samuelson (center), a printer, and K. Henry Anderson (right), company controller. Gift of engraved watches on employee's 25th anniversary is old tradition with Palladium, the Twin Cities firm that publishes the News-Palladium and Herald-Press, and operates radio stations WHFB and WHFB-FM. (Staff photo)

## Special Courses At LMC For Underprivileged

Twelve college credit courses will be offered this winter by the Lake Michigan college Institute for Professional and Paraprofessional Studies in the greatest single effort by IPPS to enrich, train, and educate underprivileged and disadvantaged persons in the LMC district.

Five of the courses will be sponsored by the IPPS special project, Education and Counseling for Employment or Career Entry (ECECE). Seven more advanced courses will be offered by IPPS itself. Project ECECE is an effort involving LMC and Andrews, Western, and Michigan State Universities.

The IPPS and ECECE programs are designed

primarily for persons in the LMC district who have financial as well as educational and vocational training needs. Tuition scholarships are available for such persons.

According to Kenneth R. Riley, IPPS director, the 12 courses will all start in early January and are designed either to provide personal cultural enrichment, to help meet college and university program pre-requirements, or to provide vocational education training.

Five of the 12 courses are designed to meet college-education program pre-requirements, and will include Fundamentals of English, and English Composition, both on Mondays; Reading Improvement I and II, both on Tuesdays, and Mathematics on Wednesdays.

Other IPPS and ECECE courses are designed for personal improvement and enrichment, such as Highways to Personal Health and Happiness, Awareness Series, and Personal Growth and Development.

Highways to Personal Health is an unusual college course, according to Riley, in that it will be taught in three sections at three off-campus, non-educational centers. The course will be offered Wednesdays at the Model Cities office, 809 Territorial, Benton Harbor; Thursdays at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1753 Union, Benton Harbor, Tuesdays at St. Joseph Catholic Church Annex, 5353 Roosevelt, Stevensville.

The Awareness Series, designed to help individuals find themselves, will be offered Thursdays. Personal Growth and Development will be taught also on Thursdays.

Still other of the IPPS and ECECE courses will constitute vocational educational training and vocational entry preparation, including Early Childhood Education, Tuesdays; Community Resource Workshop, Wednesdays; Careers I, Thursdays; and Group Leadership Skills, Thursdays.

Registration for all IPPS and ECECE classes will take place on the LMC Napier Avenue campus from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 2 and 3, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 4. Additional information about costs and course content can be obtained by telephoning the IPPS office at the college.



**UP AND UP:** Displaying chart of rising sales for Multiple Listing System of Southwestern Michigan are Mrs. Sherry Knipschild, secretary; Mrs. Lillian Rill, executive secretary, and Tom Totzke, of Totzke Real Estate, president of Multiple Listing system.

## Multiple Listing System Is Booming

The members of the Multiple Listing System of Southwestern Michigan are having a record year for sales, according to Tom Totzke, president of the real estate system.

Totzke said the record year was boosted by surprising sales increases in October and November despite reports of high interest rates and a scarcity of mortgage money.

November sales were up \$1 million over November of 1972 and October nearly increased nearly \$600,000 over the same month of last year.

The complete report for 1973 will not be available until the end of January.

The Multiple Listing System of Southwestern Michigan is composed of 34 real estate firms,

employing about 150 sales persons.

More than 90 per cent of the sales are residential.

Totzke called today's buyer "a smart consumer" who realizes the value of a good investment. "If you make an adjustment for the inflation of the last 10 years, interest rates in 1972 and 1973 are actually lower than they were 10 years ago."

Totzke attributed the rise in sales to increased cooperation within the Multiple Listing System between member real estate brokers and "people working together for the buyer and seller interested in today's real estate market."



**CLASS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS:** Area pre-schoolers observe screech owl being exhibited by Charles Nelson, director of Sarrett Nature center in Benton township. Nature center conducts monthly nature classes for area youngsters of pre-school age. Owl was turned into center for treatment after its leg had been caught in a trap and broken. (Walter Booth photo)

## Shots Fired From Home During Buchanan Standoff

**BUCHANAN** — An alleged family disturbance at a rural Buchanan home touched off a four-hour standoff between an armed person in the house and police from four departments last night.

Berrien Sheriff's Deputy Larry Casto of the department's Galien substation said two volleys of four or five shots each were fired from a weapon in the house after officers arrived. Shots from the second volley, he said, kicked up snow in front of a patrol car.

Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell said officers were withdrawn from the house about 12:30 a.m. today after they were assured no one inside had been injured.

According to Jewell, no attempt was made to enter the house because a woman and small child were reportedly inside in addition to a man.

The officers said the standoff started after a deputy went to the house about 9 p.m. because of a report of a family disturbance. According to the officers, the deputy and officers

from the city arrived about the same time and heard shouting from inside and then the shots.

The house was identified by officers as the home of Don E. Fields on Range Line road.

Other officers, including men from the Niles city and Niles township departments, were summoned.

Jewell said attempts to talk to the man inside the house by telephone during the four hours failed to settle the situation. But he said the woman assured him that no one had been hurt. Officers were to confer today with the county prosecutor to determine what additional action if any should be taken.

## Niles Twp. Police Car Damaged In Chase

**NILES** — A Niles township police car was damaged in a two-car crash on US-31 north of here early yesterday morning during a chase of a third car, but no one was seriously injured, according to state police here.

Troopers said the patrol car was driven by Patrolman Dennis Phillips, 29, of 2330 East Main street, Niles. Driver of the other car was identified as Everett Lucas, 27, of 2715 US-31 North, Niles.

Police said both drivers and a

passenger in the Lucas auto, Melody Edwards, 9, same address, were injured but did not require medical treatment at that time.

Troopers said the officer told them he was pursuing another vehicle and had started to pass the Lucas auto, when Lucas attempted a left turn into a gasoline station. Police said the officer was not using his flashing lights or siren at the time.

No citations were issued by police said.

## Jail Term, Probation For Dad \$3,040 Behind

A Berrien circuit judge sent one man to jail Monday for falling behind in child support. Two other fathers also were in court on child support arrearage charges.

Judge Chester J. Byrns made a 15-day jail stay part of a two-year probation for Leonard Briney, of 224 Empire, Benton Harbor, after finding him in

contempt for \$3,040 arrears for two children. George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

After jail, Briney has 30 days to find work or report back to jail.

Donald Howard, of Route 3, Edwardsburg, was ordered by Judge Byrns to find work by Jan. 14 or spend 30 days in jail,

He also was ordered to execute a wage assignment for \$20 weekly support for one child on ADC and \$5 weekly on \$539 arrears, the friend of the court said.

Judge Byrns ordered a 15-day jail stay for Ronnie Franklin, of Middlebury, Ind., but scratched it and ordered Franklin to pay \$88 weekly for two children and \$10 weekly on \$1,371 arrears, Westfield reported.

## LMC Newspaper To Have Girl Sports Editor

Fourteen Lake Michigan college students have been appointed to key staff positions on the Lake Michigan Journal, LMC student newspaper for the second semester. One of the appointments is believed to be a first for the college — a woman sports editor.

Named by the joint student-faculty staff selection committee as editor-in-chief was Miss

Denise Kalin, of St. Joseph, a sophomore, Eric DeLong, of Berrien Springs, also a sophomore, was appointed Journal managing editor.

Khalid Take, of St. Joseph, was re-appointed by the committee as the newspaper's second semester business manager.

Steve Chaudoir, of Berrien Springs, was named news editor, and Durk Geschiedle, of Niles, was promoted from assistant copy editor to chief copy editor.

Miss Judy Stauffer, of St. Joseph, a first-year student journalist whose interest in newspaper work dates back to her junior high school newspaper editorship, was appointed by the committee to the position of sports editor of the Journal.

Other appointments were: Miss Shari Taylor, Sodus, chief makeup editor; Mrs. Jacqueline Koontz, New Buffalo, features editor; Al Schultz, Benton Harbor, photo editor; Stewart Lutz, Benton Harbor, chief cartoonist; Miss Carla Roth, advertising sales representative; Mike Wright, of Benton Harbor, special staff writer, and Stan Sabel, Sawyer, staff writer.



DENISE KALIN  
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## Coloma Sheriff's Substation Discussed

**COLOMA** — Establishment of a Berrien county sheriff's substation here has been discussed as one alternative for less expensive police protection for Coloma and surrounding communities, according to Coloma Mayor Glenn Randall and Berrien Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell.

Randall said he and other city officials met with Jewell in early November to discuss the possibility of a substation located in Coloma.

But the meeting was only part of a long-range study to determine how best to provide police protection at less expense, Randall

said.

"We are exploring all possibilities," Randall said.

Jewell said he was asked by city officials to meet with them and discuss the substation possibility.

He emphasized that any expansion of his department costing more tax funds would have to be approved first by the county board of commissioners.

Presumably, if such a substation were to be established, deputies would provide law enforcement for the northern and eastern

sections of Berrien county, to include Coloma city and township, Watervliet city and township and Hagar township, replacing local departments.

Those areas have a combined population of about 17,099 persons, according to the 1970 census.

Representatives from those areas in the past several months have been studying possible merging of police units to lower costs.

Coloma and Watervliet cities and townships are presently spending \$178,000 for individual police protection, Coloma Township Supervisor Roger Carter has said previously.